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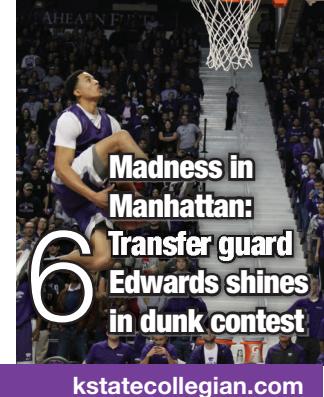
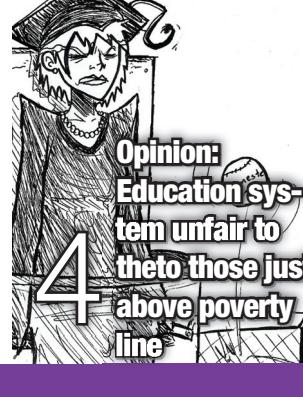
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## New engineering building breaks ground

Matthew Maynard  
staff writer

Seats in the College of Engineering's atrium filled quickly as students, faculty, alumni and affiliates awaited the start of the Phase IV expansion groundbreaking ceremony Friday afternoon. The Phase IV expansion will provide approximately 107,000 square feet of instructional, research and office space in the heart of the university's current engineering campus, while also bringing K-State one step closer to its goal of becoming a top 50 public research university by the year 2025.

The goal of the project is to consolidate functions currently dispersed over multiple locations, which will create a more

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Kansas Governor Sam Brownback  
watches as Willie attempts to fit his  
big head into a construction helmet  
Friday afternoon at the Engineering  
Complex Phase IV expansion  
groundbreaking ceremony.

## Wildcat football captures first Big 12 win of the season

John Zetmeir  
staff writer

It took the Big 12's defending champions until the last weekend of October to capture their first Big 12 win of the season this year, but they can now breath a little easier. On Saturday the K-State Wildcats (3-4, 1-3 Big 12) defeated the West Virginia Mountaineers (3-5, 1-4 Big 12) 35-12, giving them their first win in six weeks.

"It feels good to win again. It has been six weeks or something," junior wide receiver Curry Sexton said.

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Emily DeShazer | Collegian

Sophomore quarterback Daniel Sams stiff arms West Virginia sophomore safety Karl Joseph on Saturday at Bill Snyder Family Stadium. The Wildcats held off the Mountaineers to pick up their first conference win of the season.



## K-Staters 'do the Time Warp again' at Rocky Horror Picture Show

Lindsay Rhoades  
staff writer

Sponsored by the K-State Union Program Council, a diverse group of students gathered Saturday night in the Union Ballroom for the "Rocky Horror Picture Show" to celebrate the nostalgia of the classic movie and attend the pre-show events.

"The UPC started doing The Rocky Horror Picture Show to reach different groups on campus," said Elizabeth Davidson, senior in education and UPC's Films Manager. "It's awesome how dedicated people are because they come back year after year and dress up. This event reaches a different type of student population."

The Rocky Horror Picture Show was described several

times by Mary Renee, long-time show participant and speaker at the pre-movie event, as "a movie about cannibalistic transvestites from outer space."

K-State has been hosting the event since 1978 and it's changed each year.

"It's gotten better and better every year," Ashleigh Herd, UPC alumna and veteran attendee of the show, said. "This is my fifth year coming to The Rocky Horror Picture Show. Every year, there are more props and more room for people added. It's a great experience and definitely one of those bucket-list items you have to see."

The movie's action begins when Brad Majors (Barry Bostwick) and Janet Weiss (Susan Sarandon), a newly engaged couple, get a flat tire in

the middle of nowhere. They trudge through the rain to the castle of Dr. Frank-N-Furter (Tim Curry), a mad scientist who's preparing to unveil his new creation, Rocky Horror (Peter Hinwood).

UPC provided a socializing portion of the evening with refreshments offered before going into the ballroom for the rest of the festivities. When participants arrived, they were given a "props bag" filled with several items that were specified as interactive props to use during the movie and "virgins" of the show were stamped with a bright red "V" on their forehead. There was then a "virgin" auction where participants from the crowd could buy a Rocky Horror newbie.

"I'm really glad I went," Summer Senn, freshman in

music education, said. "I had a great time and definitely want to attend next year."

The pre-show event also included a costume contest where some Rocky Horror contributors dressed as characters from the movie. This UPC event is not just an annual showing of a strange movie but also a timeless gathering in remembrance of the first screening of the Rocky Horror Picture Show in 1975.

Lauren Kuykendall | Collegian  
The Rocky Horror Picture show was held Friday night in the Union Ballroom with the preshow followed by the film.

Many people who had never attended before were marked as "virgins" either on their face or on their hand to show that they were first-timers.



## Kansas legislators set to tour campus on heels of \$35 million funding cuts

Ross Jensby  
contributing writer

K-State will play host to about 45 Kansas lawmakers and staff on Tuesday.

Members of the Senate Ways and Means and House Appropriations committees will be on campus as part of a legislative tour that will allow legislators to gather information from Kansas' six state universities, Washburn Institute of Technology and Fort Scott Community College.

The legislative tour is taking place just months after lawmakers approved a budget that reduced funding to higher education in the state of Kansas by \$35 million over the next two fiscal years.

Sue Peterson, director of governmental relations at K-State, said that prior to their visit, legislators submitted 81 questions about 10 years of data reflecting various aspects of K-State life. The answers to these questions are to be presented to legislators on their visit.

"These questions are to help legislators get a handle on the complex budgeting issues of a university," Peterson said. "These questions will help them understand how universities run, how we put our budgets together and how their decisions in Topeka affect universities."

Peterson said that it is important for students to realize that legislators are willing

to come to campus to listen and learn about the realities that universities and students face.

Some of the areas that these questions address are student debt, job placement and cost of attendance.

Peterson shared the fact that the cost of attending K-State has increased by a little over \$7,000 since 2003. The cost of attendance at K-State, which includes tuition, room and board, books and supplies, campus activities fees and other living expenses, was \$13,921 in 2003. In 2012, the cost of attendance at K-State had increased to \$21,331.

Garrett Kays, sophomore in agricultural economics

and one of K-State's Governmental Relations Legislative Assistants, has been helping to plan what the legislators visit to campus will look like.

"Our team has mainly helped out with logistics for the event," Kays said. "We want these legislators to truly have an inside look at Kansas State University, so we have been working hard to make sure they are aware of all the great things that are happening on campus."

The tour will begin at 9:45 a.m. with a public hearing in the Big Twelve Room at the K-State Student Union. Student Body President Eli Schooley is scheduled to start the tour with a short presentation.

Legislators are then slated to tour campus in small groups beginning at 11:30 a.m. Student tour guides will give the same tour that prospective students and their parents receive.

After lunch, the legislators will tour Seaton Hall to give them an opportunity to view facilities and classrooms on the K-State campus.

After the Seaton Hall tour, the legislators will board a bus and participate in a driving tour of campus led by Schooley. This tour will highlight the International Grain Center and the progress of the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF), which is being built on K-State's campus.

Legislators will then stop for a steak dinner, which will be prepared by K-State Animal Science students.

Jeff Morris, vice president of communications and marketing at K-State, said that it is important that the university show legislators what K-State is all about.

"Students need to be aware that they are here and that they are taking the time to visit with us," Morris said. "We are listening to them, and they are listening to us."

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# Puzzle Pack

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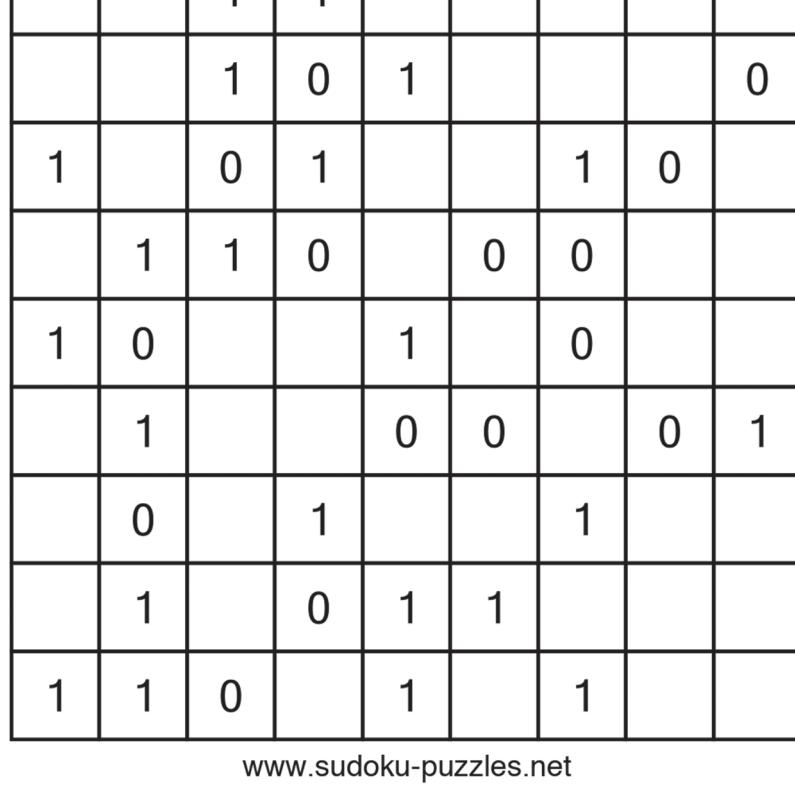
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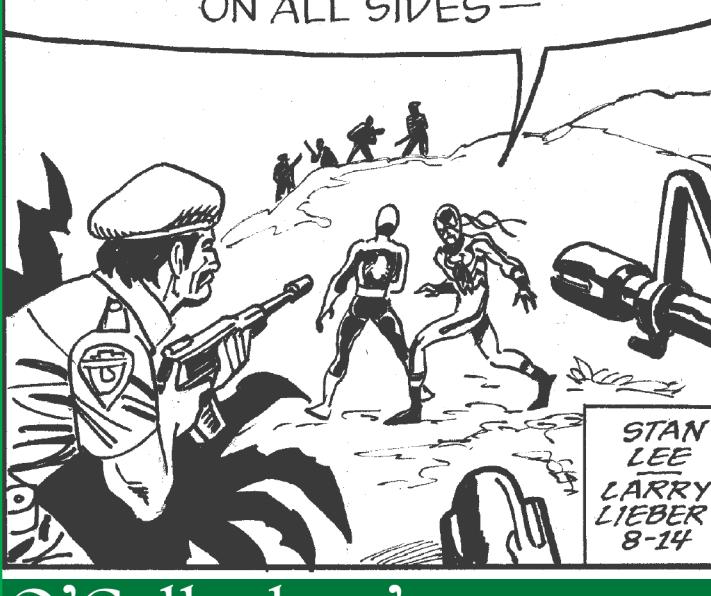
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## Higher education provides no help for working poor



Jakki Thompson

Thompson argues that our education system hurts those just above the poverty line most.

As another year begins and ends, many students look at their financial aid in dismay. Many students are tens of thousands, if not hundreds of thousands of dollars in debt by the time they get that piece of paper saying they're educated.

I am one of those students. Every year, I apply for the FAFSA, and yes, it does help. Kind of. And yes, I apply for and receive scholarships, which I am incredibly grateful for. But, as an out-of-state student, it still isn't enough. At the beginning of every fall semester, I find myself sitting in the Office of Financial Aid asking for more money.

Here is my problem.

For students who come from families who are a part of the working poor, paying for college is a continuous uphill battle. We look at our federal and potentially private-line loans and sometimes start crying.

I come from a single parent household. My mother makes just enough money, annually, to be considered part of the working poor. Even before I came to college, she worked at least one full time job as well as at least one part time job year-round. She made just enough money to not be considered living in absolute poverty.

Every February, when taxes are beginning to get filed and I have to fill out my FAFSA, I have to put in her annual income. Since she makes more than the absolute poverty line and I don't make enough to be considered an independent on the federal form, the aid I receive is never enough.

Having a parent who makes enough money to live comfortably, yet doesn't have enough money to help me with school is frustrating. To the government, my mother should be able to help me with school, but she can't. She has a mortgage and a car payment on top of everyday expenses, just like many American adults.

In order to pay for school, I have to continually take out federal loans. But above that, I have also had to take out private-line loans. Student loan debt is spiraling out of control for students who have continued to

use this as their way to pay for higher education. According to an October 2012 report from the Institute for College Access and Success, it's estimated that nearly two-thirds of college seniors who graduated in 2011 had student loan debt averaging

\$26,600. They also found that high debt resided in the geographic Northeast and the Midwest. In these two regions, student loan debt averages from \$3,000 to \$55,250.

Even in the highest average, to date, I have already taken out more student loans

than that. Currently, I am sitting at more than \$60,000 in student loan debt with at least two more years to go. I am originally from the Midwest and attend a university in the Midwest, so I struggle with seeing an average of only \$55,250. I must be a high range outlier when it comes to student loan debt in the Midwest.

Some people may ask why my student loan debt is so high. Well, surprise, I'm an out-of-state student. Based on the rates for K-State for the 2013 - 2014 academic year, I am paying \$2.65 on every 1 in-state students pay. Reality check: as an out-of-state student, I pay almost 38 percent more than in-state students.

When I see these figures, I am sick to my stomach. When I take a maximum of 14 credit hours a semester, I will be paying almost \$20,000 a year to be here.

So, here is where another dilemma lies. Can I find enough financial aid, outside of what I received originally and scholarships to be able to take more credit hours? Or will I have to rely on private loans to be able to take more credit hours? Will I only stick with 14 credit hours and have to be here additional years in order to graduate? These are questions I constantly ask myself.

But here's the kicker: I know I'm not the only one. According to an Aug. 7 Forbes

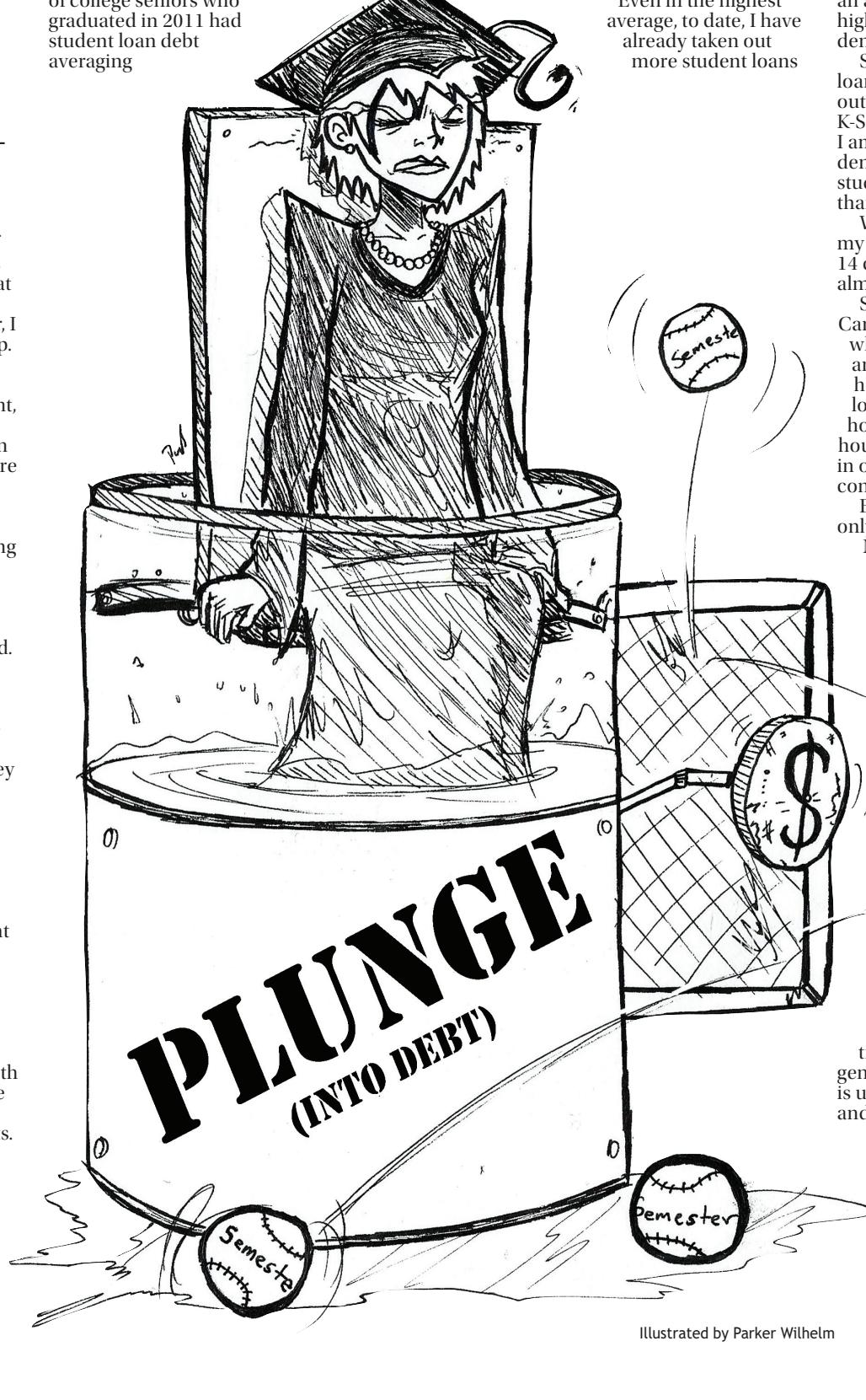
Magazine article by Chris Denhart,

student loan debt accounts for more than \$1 trillion worth of the national debt. That's 6 percent of the total national debt. This debt is second to only mortgage debt. But what does this really mean? "National debt carries many consequences including slowing economic growth (translating into fewer jobs being created) and rising interest rates," the article reads.

With continued increases to tuition in colleges and universities nationally and high under-employment or unemployment rates for college graduates, the federal student loan debt is a serious problem. Everything about this situation is a problem. There is also no solution in sight.

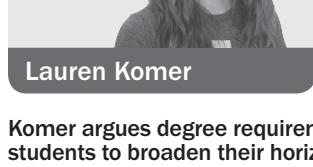
We need to solve this problem of massive student debt soon, or our economy is going to be in serious trouble. The storm will hit once this generation of students currently in college is unable to pay back their student loans and interest.

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Illustrated by Parker Wilhelm

## K-State 8 curriculum requirements ensure a well-rounded education



Lauren Komer

Komer argues degree requirements prompt students to broaden their horizons.

Most people are surprised to find that along with my microbiology degree, I'm completing a music minor as well as writing for The Collegian. To them, each aspect seems drastically different from one another. I like to think about all my varied interests as a way to use all sides of my brain. When I have been focusing on one avenue too long, I start feeling burnt out. By having many different varied interests, I am able to stay passionate about all of them.

I think it is important for students to have a well-rounded education. Sure, most people choose their majors because it's something they feel passion for, but if they only take classes directly correlating to their major, it is really easy for them to burn out. That is why the K-State 8 general education program is so important.

K-State 8 requires students who started their degree after the summer of 2011 to take classes in eight different subject areas. According to the university website, K-State 8 "helps students widen their perspectives, explore relationships among subjects and build critical and analytical thinking skills. K-State 8 exposes students to a broad range of knowledge in different academic areas. The program shapes well-rounded thinkers and helps prepare students for careers, graduate school and other post-graduate experiences."

It sounds like a fairly lofty goal. However, I think it is a great representative of the education students receive at K-state.

K-State is committed to developing students into highly skilled and educated citizens who advance the well-being of Kansas, the United States, and the global community as said in its mission statement. To truly help advance the well-being of all our different communities, students must be knowledgeable in more than just their designated major.

Many students complain about K-State 8, saying that it causes them to take unnecessary classes that have nothing to do with their major. K-State is a public university, not a technical

school. If you are adamant about only taking classes to help with your major, transfer to a technical institute. K-State's programs are designed to help students learn, to become well-rounded individuals who help contribute to society, not pigeon-hole them into fulfilling a specific task.

K-State 8 also helps students who are unsure if their major is the right fit. With the rising costs of tuition, students won't enroll in any classes that don't directly help fill credits. With K-State 8 required for students to graduate, it allows them to enroll in some classes that they otherwise wouldn't have chosen. These classes might, in-turn, help them realize that their passion lies in political science instead of engineering.

K-State 8 might seem annoying, but in reality it is helping all of us become well-rounded people with a better understanding of the world around us. It also presents us with an opportunity to discover a new passion or hidden talent. Take advantage of the classes that are included in this program. Maybe you will end up with a crazy sounding minor, just like me.

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Harvey's column on spirituality biased, unfair to most Christians

### Isaac Phillips

I was struck by the article "Spirituality doesn't require a handbook to lead to benevolent life" that appeared in Friday's paper.

"Question a Christian about their beliefs and prepare for Armageddon ... If the book they stick inside the noses of

clouds gets even one rebuttal, they scamper back into a padded shell to recite verses and commune with a wrathful God," Harvey writes. "Question a spiritualist and be prepared for a good discussion. Since their faith is based on both life experiences and research they have viable conversation to supply."

For anyone who has this

view, let's have that discussion. The writer is a journalism and mass communications major; they should be knowledgeable on the subjects they address so they can accurately inform their readers.

The article mentioned a school in Michelle Bachmann's constituent districts had a high suicide rate: how is that relevant?

view? Is she in charge of each school district? What about district leaders, or principles?

Harvey also mentioned Fred Phelps. Seriously? I don't know anyone in the Christian community that would say Phelps lives a Christian life. Just because he claims to follow the Bible, and uses scripture doesn't make him a Christian. Anyone

can read and quote scripture. In any religion there are fanatics, and there are people who claim to follow a religion but don't follow the teachings and principles.

"[Christians] often limit their faith, unwilling to relate to other people and their alternative values." I'm open to many different views: I'll hold fast

to my beliefs but I won't shut someone down for wanting to practice their own, and I won't attack someone else because of it. If you believe in being kind and doing good, I fail to see how slandering Christians is part of that.

Isaac Phillips is a junior in criminology.

## ENGINEERING | Speakers note importance of engineering programs, research

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flexible environment to inspire and support higher learning and collaboration.

"We are always growing and moving forward," said Gary Clark, Interim Dean of the College of Engineering and first speaker for the ceremony. "With great leadership and vision come great things, and ultimately success. Today's groundbreaking is just another example of that at Kansas State University."

The Phase IV expansion is set to be completed by the

year 2015 and will include many additions to the current engineering complex. Among these additions are new laboratories, offices, classrooms and a 250-seat lecture hall.

The expansion is meant to ensure that the College of Engineering can continue to grow and expand and to alleviate the college's tight space constraints, which have been a problem for the college, especially the past two years.

"The need for engineers has never been higher," said K-State President Kirk Schulz, who also spoke at the cere-

mony. "We need outstanding, exceptional facilities to accommodate these demands and to continue to grow our engineering department."

In his speech, Schulz looked back on the history of land grant institutions and how they were formed for agriculture and mechanical arts.

"For us to be a top-50 public research university, we are going to need a great College of Agriculture and a great College of Engineering."

The Phase IV groundbreaking ceremony was the second ceremony of the day, with the

new College of Business Administration building being introduced just hours before. Present at both ceremonies was Governor Sam Brownback.

"We need to continue to grow, not only as a university, but as a state," Brownback said. "For Kansas to continue to strive forward, we need more engineers. It is critical for our future, and we need to keep building things and expanding outward. The possibilities are here, and to be able to continue saying that, we need more things like this

engineering building."

The new addition plans to bring all students who are engineering majors into one unified building. This includes computer engineering majors, who are currently housed at Nichols Hall.

"I can't wait to see what comes out of this expansion," Desmund Weathers, sophomore in computer engineering, said. "It's great not only for the engineering department, but also allows computer-based majors to be surrounded by other engineering students."

After all the speeches, everyone was asked to go outside for the actual groundbreaking event. All seven speakers at the ceremony got to perform the groundbreaking.

Among those not already mentioned were Provost and Senior Vice President April Mason; Brendan Bishop, junior in mechanical engineering; and K-State alumni Carl and Mary Ice. As they dug their gold shovels into the dirt outside Rathbone Hall, cheers erupted from the large audience of onlookers.

## ANALYSIS | K-State's pass game improves with addition of Lockett, Thompson



Jed Barker | Collegian

K-State junior quarterback Jake Waters rushes downfield with West Virginia freshman defensive tackle Noble Nwachukwu in pursuit at Bill Snyder Family Stadium at Saturday's game.

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"It has been a long time coming and we persevered today and fought through a tougher stretch. We were able to come out and get a win and it feels good."

All season, the Wildcats have struggled with closing out games. In three of the Wildcats' four losses this season, they have led in the fourth quarter but were unable to seal the deal. After scoring 28 unanswered points to close out the Mountaineers on Saturday, the Wildcats appeared to have taken strides towards changing their old ways.

"We were saying on the sideline, 'We have to finish anyway possible,'" junior quarterback Jake Waters said. "I think we did a very good job of that today. Our offensive line created holes for John [Hubert], and John running super hard. That was really big for us as a team to finish that today."

After playing the best game of his young career against Baylor, sophomore quarterback Daniel Sams continued to show that he can indeed find success in the throwing game. Sams finished the game having completed all eight of his passes for 93 yards and a touchdown. Even though Sams was unable to get much going in the run game, he found other ways to be successful.

Fellow quarterback Jake Waters has had his struggles as well this

season, but the junior college transfer shined against the Mountaineers on Saturday. After a shaky start, Waters completed all eight of his passes in the fourth quarter, which included two touchdown passes. Both through the air and on the ground, Waters had arguably his best all-around performance so far as a Wildcat.

After acknowledging Waters' strong rushing performance — Waters rushed 10 times for 55 yards — K-State head coach Bill Snyder pointed to the two quarterbacks' passing numbers as reason for optimism.

"Daniel [Sams] was 8-out-of-8 in the passing game," Snyder said. "Jake 10-out-of-13 in the passing game. I hope that refutes the idea that Daniel cannot throw it and it refutes the idea that Jake cannot run the ball. That is what we need, balance of what they both can do. We have addressed this many times before. They have capabilities in both segments of the game."

The Wildcats had played their last two games before Saturday's without wide receivers senior Tramaine Thompson and junior Tyler Lockett. Having both players back against West Virginia proved to be the X-factor in the passing game.

The last time Lockett played a full game was against Texas when he set a school record with 13 catches for 237 yards. Having him back was not only a positive for the team, but

allowed Waters to reunite with his go-to receiver.

Lockett had a career game as he hauled in three touchdown receptions on the day. The junior finished the game with eight receptions for 111 yards.

Thompson's day might have been overshadowed by the success that Lockett was having, but the senior was still a huge factor in the Wildcats' success. Thompson grabbed three passes for 53 yards and a touchdown on Saturday.

"It was big," Waters said. "Whenever you can have two guys like that, it is big for your offense. You want to get them the ball, and that definitely opened up the run for Hubert."

The young Wildcat defense continued to show growth on Saturday. The proof of this growth was that they allowed the Mountaineers to score just 12 points, the lowest total for a Big 12 team inside Bill Snyder Family Stadium since 2009. While the offense was lighting up the Mountaineer defense in the fourth quarter, K-State's defense was busy holding West Virginia's offense to zero points.

"It was huge," senior safety Ty Zimmerman said. "We talked about it going in. We cannot give up the big plays; that is what hurt us against Baylor. We went to work on it this week in practice, but we still have to make corrections on the one that we gave up. All in all, it was a good day."

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# Offensive, defensive players of the game vs. WVU



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## Offensive Player of the Game:

## WR Tyler Lockett

There were plenty of notable performances for K-State on offense against the Mountaineers, including junior quarterback Jake Waters and senior running back John Hubert. But Tyler Lockett made some serious noise in his return from injury. The team-wide receiver finished with a team-high eight receptions for 111 yards and three touchdowns on the day, keeping the team in the game in the first half and leading the scoring bonanza in the second.

Head coach Bill Snyder was impressed with all of his receivers, complementing them on how they caught the ball.

"Once you go back and look at some of those catches, there are some extremely fine catches, and they held onto the ball after some serious contact," Snyder said after the game.

Of all the fine catches against West Virginia, Lockett made some of the finest, including touchdowns of 35 and 24 yards from Waters. The 35-yarder came early on to open up the scoring for both teams, while his 24-yard score came late in the game to help seal the victory for K-State. However, his most impressive touchdown catch came in the third quarter from Daniel Sams. With 2:16 left in



Junior wide receiver Tyler Lockett (right) catches a touchdown pass from junior quarterback Jake Waters in Saturday's win against West Virginia at Bill Snyder Family Stadium.

the period, Sams threw it high from nine yards out and Lockett made an impressive jump to grab the ball in the back of the end zone and, even more impressively, held on to it.

K-State's two quarterbacks combined to go 18-21 against West Virginia, and Lockett had no small part in their combined successes. He has quickly developed into the Wildcats' go-to receiver this season, and his performance Saturday showed why. Lockett made plays all over the

field and even just the threat of his speed kept the Mountaineer defense on their heels.

"As a quarterback that's what you want," Waters said. "You want those guys that can go deep and just outrun guys."

Just as impressive as his play on the field was his awareness. One of his touchdowns from Waters came after he noticed a hole in the defense. He let Waters know and the two connected for a big score in the back

of the end zone.

It should go without saying that K-State's offense is much more potent with Lockett on the field, as anyone could see by the fireworks he put on display in Saturday's game.

## Defensive Player of the Game: S

## Ty Zimmerman

K-State's senior safety is probably the most important piece to their improving defense this season. Zimmerman made an impact in both the running game and the passing game,

ranging all over the field to disrupt West Virginia and keep their offense from getting too comfortable.

The senior safety led the team with 12 tackles and added two pass breakups on the night. He also delivered some bone crushing hits to punish any West Virginia receiver who dared go over the middle to catch the ball.

Zimmerman was especially clutch late in the game as the Wildcats were trying to hold on to their lead and take their first Big 12 conference win of the season. The Wildcats came out of halftime down 9-7, and quickly found themselves in a 12-7 hole, but Zimmerman and the defense did not allow the Mountaineers to sniff the end zone again, keeping them off the scoreboard for the remainder of the game.

Holding the West Virginia offense to 367 yards was a big victory in itself for the Wildcat defense, especially holding them to under 100 rushing yards, the part of the game where Zimmerman makes his biggest impact.

"It was huge," Zimmerman said.

"We talked about it going in. We cannot give up the big plays, that is what hurt us against Baylor. We went to work on it this week in practice, but we still have to make corrections on the one we gave up. All in all, it was a good day."

Zimmerman showed that he can be both the run stopper at the line and the safety net over the top against big passing plays against West Virginia. He continues to be a catalyst in Snyder's steadily improving defense.

## K-State volleyball team falls to No. 1 Texas, looks for new start against OU

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Asking the K-State volleyball team to upset the No. 1 ranked Texas Longhorns was a tall task. While the Wildcats showed signs of life throughout the night, it was never enough to counter the firepower that UT had. Ultimately, K-State fell 3-0, losing 25-11, 25-18, 25-20.

The Wildcats dropped to 14-7 on the season (2-6 Big 12) and the Longhorns moved to 15-2 (8-0 Big 12). Even with the tough loss, head coach Suzie Fritz wasn't disappointed with how her team competed.

"We have three primary focus areas right now," Fritz said. "In those areas I thought we played better tonight. Right now that is all we care about: that we keep making forward progress."

While K-State struggled to match the Longhorns, Fritz was adamant that the hype surrounding Texas' squad is real. They came into the match ranked No. 1 in the NCAA and in RPI, and will surely remain there when the new rankings come out.

"I think being the number one team in the country really tells you something," Fritz said. "They are also the defending national champions. It is very hard to make Texas uncomfortable."

They are accustomed to winning. They are without question one of the most physical teams in the country."

K-State finished the game with only 28 kills and a hit percentage of only .050. The offense had been struggling of late, and it continued against a Longhorn defense that forces hitters to make mistakes. The Wildcats didn't have a hitting finish with more than six kills and had 23 hitting errors. Redshirt freshman setter Katie Brand recorded only 20 assists, but added six kills in her three sets played.

Defensively, the Wildcats finished with only four blocks, which was well below their season average. Senior libero Tristan McCarty led the Wildcats with 7 digs. Compared to how other teams have fared, McCarty was encouraged by her team's performance.

"They have some of the best jump servers in the Big 12," McCarty said. "However, we have played against them for three years now, so it is nice to know that we have some experience going into that. We handled it pretty well, to be honest, tonight. Our numbers were really good compared to other teams that have played against them. Serve-receive is one of our strengths. When that jump serve happens, we just treat it

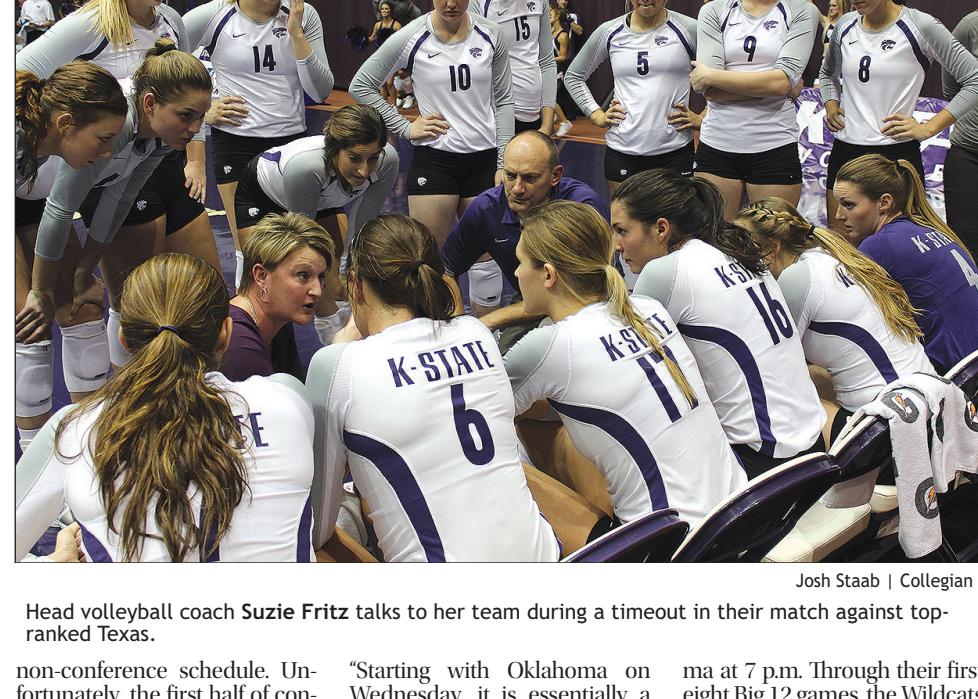
like a dig, and play it high and the middle of the court and just play good offense from it."

Texas senior outside hitter Bailey Webster, who finished with 9 kills, led the Longhorns offense. Texas had four players with seven or more kills and finished with a .345 team hitting percentage. They recorded 42 kills as a team on the evening and seemingly did whatever they wanted from start to finish. Throughout the season, K-State's defense has been great at forcing opposing hitters out of their comfort zone. However, against Texas, the Wildcats struggled in transition and had a side-out percentage of only 43%.

Senior outside hitter Courtney Traxson, who finished with six kills for the Wildcats, pointed to Texas' sheer size and athleticism as a reason for the difficulty scoring. From the first set to the third set, you could see K-State settle in and begin to figure out how to adjust to what the Longhorns were doing on defense.

"They are definitely big," Traxson said. "We have to see the edge of the blocks, see where the gaps are at and just use our vision; that is something that we have been working on."

Fritz breaks the season into thirds. The Wildcats did great in the first part, which was the



Head volleyball coach Suzie Fritz talks to her team during a timeout in their match against top-ranked Texas.

non-conference schedule. Unfortunately, the first half of conference play saw a significant drop off. After Saturday's loss, K-State enters the final third of the schedule.

"The first half of conference play is now over," Fritz said.

"Starting with Oklahoma on Wednesday, it is essentially a brand new season for us. It is a double round-robin in volleyball so we have an opportunity to better ourselves."

The Wildcats return to action on Wednesday against Oklahoma

ma at 7 p.m. Through their first eight Big 12 games, the Wildcats are 2-6, with wins over Texas Tech and TCU. K-State will now play every team for a second time, with hopes of improving on their production from those first eight games.

## Women's basketball prepares for first game

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Having a nearly complete and healthy roster is something head women's basketball coach Deb Patterson will not take for granted any time soon.

In what was one of the more unique and injury-riddled seasons, Patterson and her coaching staff were forced to use just seven players for over half of last season. Although today marks the beginning of a new season, Patterson says the momentum off of last season's extraordinary postseason run will play an important part early in the season.

The Wildcats carry arguably one of the youngest rosters in the country with five freshmen and two redshirt freshmen.

"The main momentum from that great postseason run for last year's team was the example that it serves for those younger players coming in," Patterson said. "About the standard of excellence, fight, resiliency and the potential there is to succeed with an opportunity to compete."

Matching up against the Wildcats will be Washburn, the reigning MIAA champions. Under head coach Ron Henry, the Ichabods have routinely stood near the top of their conference and national rankings.

Washburn finished its season at No. 14 nationally in the USA Today NCAA D-II polls.

Much like the Wildcats, the Ichabods will be welcoming several new players to their roster. All five starters from last year's conference-championship team are gone and they'll welcome eight newcomers.

This year's matchup will mark the fourth consecutive season the two teams have met prior to the start of the regular season. K-State has won the three games prior to tonight's

contest and leads the all-time series 5-0.

At the forefront of the new-look Wildcats will be the production of guards junior Haley Texada and sophomore Bri Craig.

Last season the duo combined to average 11.8 points and 8.3 points respectively.

Although neither are seniors, both will be vital assets in leading the young and inexperienced Wildcats.

Perhaps no one is looking forward to this season more than senior forward Katya Leick.

Having sat out consecutive seasons due to transfer requirements and injury, Leick will be an integral part of establishing an interior presence for the Wildcats.

"Kat has come along in excellent form and fashion," Patterson said. "She's verbal and plays extremely hard."

To put the Wildcats' youth in perspective, the 2013-2014 roster is not only the youngest in Patterson's 18-year tenure, but also the youngest K-State team since the 1977-78 season.

The Wildcats used underclassmen last season to build depth in the program, but junior guard Ashia Woods believes the added height of the roster will be a difference maker this season. From a roster that consistently played players 5-foot-11 or smaller, the Wildcats now find themselves with five players that stand 6-foot-1 or taller.

"Last year we were all young," Woods said. "We're young this year, but with the height I feel like it can make up for some things. We have our experience with Haley, who is a good leader, and Katya, who has had a lot of experience elsewhere. They're good players on our team that will help our younger players."

## Madness in Manhattan kicks off hoops season



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Junior guard Justin Edwards brings the ball between his legs while on his way up for a dunk during the dunk contest Friday night in Bramlage Coliseum.

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On Friday night, 5,500 K-State fans watched both the men's and women's basketball teams show off their skills at Madness in Manhattan.

"I thought it was great. I thought our people did a great job," said men's head coach Bruce Weber. "If people come

and get excited, it's good."

The pre-scrimmage festivities included a performance from the K-State drum line, unveiling the new banners in Bramlage Coliseum which celebrated the proud history of K-State basketball, and Willie the Wildcat repelling from the ceiling.

After the ceremonies were

over, the women's basketball team took the floor for their scrimmage. The scrimmage was hotly contested, and both teams played hard.

The offenses struggled early in the scrimmage. Both "teams" had a hard time hanging onto the ball and making baskets, but the women's team showed that they are not afraid to let 3-pointers fly. No player was afraid to shoot.

The highlight of the night for the women was a block by redshirt freshman forward Jessica Sheble before her teammate redshirt freshman guard Kelly Thomson hit a 3 on the other end of the floor. It was an exciting play that made the crowd go crazy.

Near the end of the scrimmage, both teams started to get into a flow on offense and hit a lot of 3-pointers. It was fun to watch for the fans and an encouraging sign for the offenses.

After the women's scrimmage, former K-State men's players Martavious Irving and Jordan Henrich made a special guest appearance. A video was dedicated to Irving trying to find a replacement for his famous tunnel dance before games. The early indications are that freshman forward Wesley Iwundu and sophomore forward Brandon Bolden will take over the ritual.

"I thought the dance [video] was real creative. It was a lot of fun, and it takes a lot of time and effort to do. So we appreciate them doing it and our players had fun with it," Weber said.

A very special moment took place after the men's team was introduced. The 2012-2013 Big 12 Championship banner was hung in the rafters. The players gathered around the banner as it was raised.

Both men and women's players participated in a skills competition following the banner raising. There were three pairs: senior guard Will Spradling with freshman guard

Kindred Wesemann, senior guard Shane Southwell with freshman guard Leti Romero, and junior forward Thomas Gipson with senior forward Katya Leick. Gipson and Leick won the event with a time of 46.7 seconds, beating the second place Spradling/Wesemann team by a full second. Southwell and Romero finished .2 seconds behind Spradling and Wesemann.

The most exciting event of the night was the dunk competition. Four players took part in the event: junior guard Justin Edwards, freshman guard Nigel Johnson, Bolden, and Iwundu. All the competitors got in some good dunks, but Edwards far and away was the best dunker on Friday night. Edwards sealed his title with a dunk over the top of Johnson. The crowd was in awe of Edwards' leaping ability.

"Well, he can jump. We know that, you know, the big thing is we have to get him to do some of the other things. He has a year to learn that. That's why he came here," Weber said.

The night concluded with the men's scrimmage. The scrimmage was basically free of any defense, allowing the players to show off each of their skills. Freshman guard Marcus Foster scored 15 points in the 15 minute scrimmage. It was more of a time for the players to have fun in front of the fans rather than a real basketball game.

"I guess it's the 15 minutes I can just shut up and let them do whatever they want," Weber joked. "It's a fun event. As a coach, you've got to keep it in perspective. It is what it is. I appreciate our administration and all the people in the athletic department that put time into it. I thought it was really well received, and I thought the crowd was great too. I'm happy the students showed up."